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SUBJ: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION SAUNDERS STATEMENT 6/12/78

1. ALL WEST BANK DAILIES CARRIED JUNE 14 MAJOR POINTS SAUNDERS STATEMENT RELATING TO WEST BANK, PALESTINIANS AND PEACE PROCESS. AL QUDS (MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN) FOLLOWED WITH PESSIMISTIC COMMENTARY (JUNE 15) ON THE AMERICAN POSITION AND REACTIONS FROM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WHILE OTHER PAPERS LEFT TRACES OF EDITORIAL OPINION ONLY IN THE SELECTION AND WORDING OF THEIR HEADLINES.

2. OVER WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE AL FAJR (PRO-PLO) STATES "US DOES NOT AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN STATE; ARAB REQUESTS FOR ADVANCE WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL OBJECTIONABLE." ASHA'B (INDEPENDENT, PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST) BANNERS "WASHINGTON REQUESTS ISRAEL TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 242 ON ALL FRONTS," AND WITH THE STORY, ALSO ON PAGE ONE, HEADLINES "HIGH AMERICAN SOURCE: AS ISRAEL DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM SINAI SHE ALSO MUST DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST BANK AND THE STRIP" AND "PALESTINIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION."

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3. AL QUDS ASKS, AFTER AN EXPOSITORY OUTLINE OF THE AMERICAN STATEMENT, "HOW CAN ARAB REQUESTS AND ISRAELI CONCESSIONS MEET TO MAKE THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE IN A REPLY TO THE US?" THE WRITER BELIEVES "SUCH A MEETING IS IMPOSSIBLE" WITHOUT "TREMENDOUS AMERICAN PRESSURE (ON ISRAEL) WHICH DOES NOT EXIST AT THIS MOMENT OR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE."

COMMENT: ALL IN ALL, WEST BANK PRESS NOT AS FAVORABLE TOWARD
SAUNDERS STATEMENT AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. THIS MAY
ILLUSTRATE A WEST BANK TENDENCY TO ACCENTUATE THE NEGATIVE IN
US POLICY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE POSITIVE.
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